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Our Front Cover: A radio operator aboard a Navy bomber. Standards for radio components are particularly important for radios used by the services since equipment must be tailored to fit such limited space, and must meet grueling service conditions. Official U. S. Navy Photograph.

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Rough mica from the mine must be split into thin films and graded before it can be manufactured into radio capacitors. Cheap native labor for these operations has given India its world-wide domination of the business and left all other countries without the necessary skills to process the output of their own mines. These blind workers, with their highly developed sense of touch, are the nucleus of an important industry and are production soldiers on a new front. They are splitting mica into films as thin as a thousandth of an inch.

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Mica Capacitor Standard First American War Standard on Radio

by H. P. Westman

Secretary, ASA Sectional Committee on Radio

INTERCHANGEABILITY in ultimate-consumer life is primarily a convenience; in manufacturing it is an economy, profit maker, and guarantor of continued producing; but in the Armed Services it may be the difference between victory and defeat. Because of this, a short time after Pearl Harbor, a comprehensive program of standardization of components for radio equipment¹ was set up in the American Standards Association—for this is a global and mechanized conflict and rapid communication is playing a role far exceeding that ever encountered before in war.

During peacetime, our Air Corps, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy, and other services purchase radio equipment to their individual specifications. Their requirements are not identical and their designers have, in many instances, different views as to how the service conditions may best be met. Consequently, the requirements to which the individual services order radio transmitters and receivers may differ quite substantially.

Progress in the development of new designs, both of components and complete equipments, is another sound reason for different purchase specifications. If the customer never asks for a better product, the manufacturer has little stimulus to produce one. Progress being essential, change must not only be tolerated but welcomed.

Equipment in the Field Is Gage of Success

Wartime brings a new picture. The period of design and redesign must give way to the need for production and more production. Equipment in the field is the significant gage of the war effort. The development of new equipment cannot be mixed casually with production as is done in peacetime. A "perfect" design on the drawing board helps not at all in winning that day's battle.

¹ "War Standards for Military Radio", by S. K. Wolf; INDUSTRIAL STANDARDIZATION, September, 1942.

In the plan of the War Committee on Radio,² fixed mica-dielectric capacitors were chosen as the initial and experimental project. The object was to prepare a purchase specification which could be approved by all branches of the Services, which would permit a single design to meet all requirements, and which would permit interchangeability in manufacture and in service.

At first thought, one would expect the Services to encounter different conditions under which their equipment would have to operate. This is true to only a limited extent if we agree that components will not be fabricated for use in a particular part of the world but will be manufactured broadly for one specific branch of the armed services. In this global conflict, no branch of the services stays home.

Meets High Requirements of Air Service

Only air-borne equipment meets a special requirement not faced by that which operates on the surface of the earth. At reduced air pressure, such as is encountered at high altitudes, and under rapidly varying temperature which occurs during fast climbs and dives, additional stresses are placed on radio components. Fortunately, fixed mica-dielectric capacitors can be designed to meet these extra requirements at no great additional cost in time and materials over that for "non-flying" use.

The standard on fixed mica-dielectric capacitors, which was approved by the American Standards Association on November 12, 1942, reduces the number of designs from many hundreds to 22 physical sizes. These cover the entire range used in both receivers and transmitters.³

² The War Standards project on Military Radio is being carried out by the ASA with the cooperation of the Army, the Navy, the Institute of Radio Engineers, the War Production Board, prime contractors, and component manufacturers.

³ Copies of the American War Standard for Fixed Mica-Dielectric Capacitors (C75.3-1942) are available from the ASA at 50 cents each.



Courtesy RCA Manufacturing Company

Capacitance values in a given size of case have been established on the basis of preferred numbers, and sizes which are uneconomical to make in regard to wastage of material or labor have been discontinued. The manufacture of a relatively small capacitance unit in a case of large physical size has also been stopped as being uneconomical of material.

New Designation Makes Ordering Easy

A new type designation which identifies by means of nine letters and figures the electrical and mechanical characteristics of each capacitor will permit a unit to be ordered easily by telegraph. As all Services will use the same type number, an army radio operator on Guadalcanal should have no doubts about a capacitor he may borrow from a battleship to replace one damaged in service.

Some of these capacitors are too small to provide space for the type number and, in addition, the branding operation would change their values because of the thinness of the layer of molding material which covers the stack of mica and foil. These are identified by six colored dots which are applied by machine at the time of manufacture.

The new standard prescribes a series of tests to prove the effectiveness of a design under war service conditions. However, it goes considerably beyond this in that it outlines the tests which must be made in production on all manufactured units and also provides for sampling tests which will disclose any serious reduction in the quality of the materials or workmanship going into the capacitors.

Another problem which is being encountered these days is difficulty in obtaining competent engineering personnel for inspecting components to see that they are within the limits set up in the purchase specifications. The present trend is to employ girls with high-school educations and give them a short course on the inspection of specific components. This requires that specifications be written particularly clearly with a minimum of

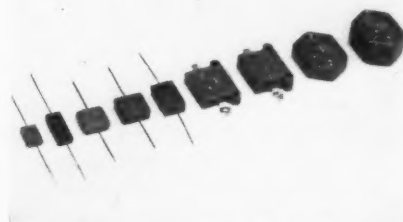
For transmitting purposes, these capacitors are standard.

The largest unit is ten inches high, weighs 24 pounds, and will operate at 35,000 volts. The rods at the side form a spark gap to protect the capacitor from the effects of excessive voltage.

engineering terms and with no formulas or conversion factors to be interpreted. The new standard employs only one simple graph which can be mastered with only brief instructions. It includes no formulas and, in many places, instructions are in tabular form for a rapid and unambiguous understanding. All temperatures are expressed in both Centigrade and Fahrenheit so any thermometer will be satisfactory. Judgment on the part of the inspector is not required and, wherever a failure to pass a requirement is encountered, the inspector has definite instructions as to his or her procedure.

In writing specifications for radio components for the Armed Services, two factors must receive constant attention. If the requirements are made overly severe so that no failure in service may be conceived, production will suffer or even disappear. If production alone is the criterion, the components will, undoubtedly, fail in service. A balance between these extremes must be reached.

In peacetime, we habitually think of the value of a component in terms of dollars and cents. This must not continue in wartime for, like the horseshoe nail, the failure of the smallest and least expensive component may contribute to the loss of a bomber, tank, ship, or battle—every one of which involves the lives of trained men, on which no price can ever be placed.



Courtesy Cornell-Dubilier Electric Corp.

These standard capacitors are used for receivers and low-power transmitters.

The smallest unit is less than an inch long, weighs only a tenth of an ounce, and operates at 500 volts.

The ASA War Standards Committee on Military Radio has set up 13 subcommittees covering the essential components required for reliable performance of radio under service conditions. Each subcommittee has assigned work on specific types of equipment to smaller task groups. These subcommittees and their task groups are.

- 1 and 2. Insulating Materials
 - (a) Ceramics
 - (b) Steatite
 - (c) Porcelain
 - (d) Glass
 - (e) Glass-Bonded-Mica
 - (f) Treating, Filling and Impregnating
 - (g) Plastics
 - (h) Plastic Communications Components
3. Capacitors—Fixed
 - (a) Ceramic Dielectric
 - (b) Paper Dielectric
 - (c) Electrolytic
4. Capacitors—Variable
 - (a) Receiver
 - (b) Transmitter
 - (c) Trimmer
5. Dynamotors and Similar Power Units
6. Crystals and Holders
 - (a) Physical Characteristics
 - (b) Specifications and Testing
 - (c) Reference Test Circuits
7. Resistors—Fixed
 - (a) Composition
 - (b) Wire Wound
 - (c) Instrument Type
8. Resistors—Variable
 - (a) Composition
 - (b) Wire Wound
9. Transformers
 - (a) Power
 - (b) Audio Frequency
 - (c) Radio Frequency
10. Tube Sockets
 - (a) Receiving
 - (b) Transmitting
 - (c) Cathode Ray
11. Connectors
 - (a) Telephone Plugs and Jacks
 - (b) Multicontact Plugs and Receptacles
12. Dry Batteries
 - (a) Single Cell
 - (b) Multicell
13. Vibrator Power Supplies

OCS Takes "First Step" In Byrnes' Simplification Program

The Office of Civilian Supply, WPB, has begun a survey to determine what simplifications of consumer goods have taken place since the outbreak of the war, it was announced recently by Joseph L. Weiner, Director of Civilian Supply.

The survey is headed by Irvin O. Wolf, a consultant to Mr. Weiner and a member of Civilian Supply's Inventory Control Committee. WPB industry divisions and industry itself will cooperate in the survey.

Mr. Weiner said that this is "a first step" in carrying out a request made recently by James F. Byrnes, Director of Economic Stabilization, that WPB undertake a vigorous program of simplification and standardization of consumer goods, not merely to eliminate frills and wasteful practices, but wherever necessary and advantageous to concentrate on the production of relatively few types of goods of standardized quality, design, and price.

"The survey will show what progress has been made so far, both on a voluntary basis and through WPB orders, in simplifying consumer goods," Mr. Weiner said. "When we have that picture before us, we will be in a position to take whatever additional steps will be necessary to achieve the program Mr. Byrnes has asked WPB to carry out."

Mr. Weiner thought the survey would require about three weeks.

English-Standard Spanish Dictionary Gives Vocabulary of Technical Terms

Nuevo Diccionario Técnico Comercial, Español-Inglés (New Commercial Technical Dictionary, English-Spanish), ed. by Antonio P. Guerrero (Chemical Publishing Co., Inc., 234 King Street, Brooklyn, New York, \$10).

An up-to-date compilation of terms used in electrical, mechanical, chemical, and marine engineering; in radio, mining, textile, and other industries; in aviation and modern mechanized warfare; in shipping and international trade.

This reference work, edited by a Spanish industrial engineer, is an indispensable aid to exporters, technicians, and engineers who do business with the other American republics. It has been carefully checked not only against other dictionaries and scientific publications, but by technical experts of the United States, the other American republics, and Spain, and is probably the most complete work of its kind.

This dictionary is an attempt to establish a standard vocabulary for all technical and commercial terms. It is interesting to note that the United States, because of the large amounts of industrial equipment and the many products it has sent to Latin American countries, has exerted a tremendous influence on the technical vocabulary of the other American republics. Many of our technical terms have been adopted, or translated into Spanish, and form part of the generally accepted technical vocabulary in Latin American countries.

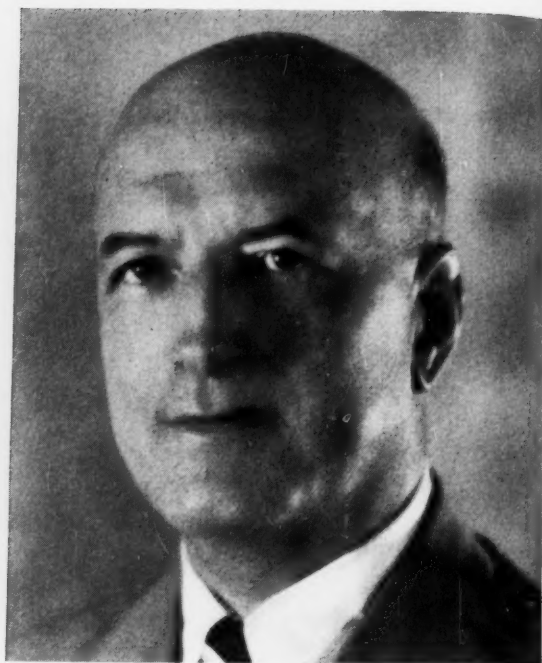


Cyrus Townsend Brady, Jr.

Mr. Brady, who has just been appointed the ASA's field representative in Latin America, is a graduate of Harvard University (Civil Engineering degree). He worked for a while in the Philippine Islands Irrigation Service and in the United States. In 1914 he went to Argentina as Engineer of the Argentine Government Irrigation Department, and since 1915 has been representative of the U. S. Steel Export Company in Argentina.

Mr. Brady has been President of the American Society of the River Plate (1924), of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce in Argentina (1928), and of the American Club in Buenos Aires (1936). He is now a member of the Centro Argentino de Ingenieros (Engineers' Club of Argentina), IRAM (Argentine Standards Institute), ICANA (Argentine-North American Cultural Institute), and of the American Geographical Society and India House in New York.

Mr. Brady has travelled in Europe and the Near East, as well as throughout Latin America. He speaks fluent Spanish, as well as French, Portuguese, and Italian.



Alberto Magno-Rodrigues

Mr. Rodrigues, who will be in charge of the Inter-American work in the New York office of the ASA, was born in Porto, Portugal. He spent the earlier years of his life in Portuguese East Africa and British South Africa.

In Portugal, where he returned at the end of the first World War, he was a partner in the firm of Monteiro Gomes Limitada, which acted *inter alia* as distributors for the American manufacturers of Caterpillar Tractors and other agricultural, roadbuilding, and earthmoving machinery.

Appointed exclusive dealer of the Caterpillar Tractor Company and various other American manufacturers of allied equipment in Spain, Spanish Morocco, and Spanish Guinea, he has been engaged uninterruptedly in these activities from 1926 to 1941, when he came to the United States.

He was President of International Rotary Club in Sevilla, Spain (1932-1933) and honorary vice-consul for Portugal in the same city from 1936 to 1939.

Mr. Rodrigues, apart from Spanish and Portuguese, speaks fluent English and French.

Society Recommends Good Lighting for Offices

In the September issue of *Illuminating Engineering* appears the new Recommended Practice of Office Lighting, promulgated by the Illuminating Engineering Society.

Such topics as glare, natural lighting, artificial lighting, wiring, and machinery are covered, and many pictures and charts illustrate the recommended practices.

ASA Sets Up Inter-American Department

THE increasingly close commercial relations between the United States and the countries of Latin America, and growing interest in industrial standardization in these countries, have now brought about a new set-up in the American Standards Association for inter-American cooperation. The Inter-American Department of the ASA was officially organized December 1 with Cyrus T. Brady as field representative in Latin America and Alberto Magno-Rodrigues in charge of the work in the New York office.

Mr. Brady, an engineer and sales executive who has spent many years in South America, has been given a year's leave of absence by the U. S. Steel Export Company for the purpose of heading up the ASA's program in Latin America.

Will Exchange Technical Data

The new program includes the exchange of technical data on the development and use of standards with government, engineering, and industrial groups, and with technical journals in the other American republics. Through the new Department the ASA will provide Latin American countries with Spanish and Portuguese translations of standards which may be especially helpful in developing their industries.

The ASA is being guided in its new work by an Advisory Committee of men who have had long experience in Latin-American cooperation, working under the chairmanship of R. E. Zimmerman, president of the ASA and vice-president of the U. S. Steel Corporation.

National Standardizing Bodies in South America

Interest in standardization has been steadily increasing in Latin America during the past few years. Full-fledged national standardizing bodies are now in operation in three South American countries. In Argentina, the Instituto Argentino de Racionalizacion de Materiales has been operating since 1935 and publishes a monthly magazine. The organization in Brazil (Associacao Brasileira de Normas Tecnicas) has recently issued a volume of standards. In Uruguay, the Instituto Uruguayo de Normas Tecnicas was formed a short time ago. Government departments and engineering societies are doing similar work in other Latin American countries; and a South American committee on standards (Comite Sudamericano de Normas) is furthering standardization work in the ten South American republics.

This increasing concern with standardization, and the close industrial relationships which are

accentuated by the requirements of the war, have highlighted the need for translation of specifications into Spanish and Portuguese. This need is being felt particularly by American exporting firms in their Latin American markets. The National Electrical Manufacturers Association, for example, recently called the attention of the American Standards Association to a group of American Standards in the electrical field which would be useful to their members in the development of their foreign trade.

British and Germans Active in South America

The British and the Germans have always done a great deal more in this type of work in South America than has been done by this country. The British Standards Institution is even now working on a technical handbook in Spanish to tell prospective purchasers in South America what British industry has to offer.

Mr. Brady is starting his standardization work with visits to a number of Latin American countries during which he will make a preliminary survey of standardization problems. As part of his trip he will include a visit to New York in January for consultation with the home office, the ASA Advisory Committee on Inter-American Cooperation, and with industrial groups having commercial or industrial relations with the Latin-American countries.

The Advisory Committee on Inter-American Cooperation which is helping to guide the American Standards Association in its new inter-American program is made up of the following members:

- R. E. Zimmerman, vice-president, U. S. Steel Corporation; ASA president, *Chairman*
- Dr. Lyman J. Briggs, director, National Bureau of Standards
- E. F. Callahan, vice-president, International General Electric Company
- Dr. Alexander V. Dye, economic consultant, National Foreign Trade Council
- H. Greenwood, vice-president, U. S. Steel Export Company
- T. W. Howard, Department of Manufacture, U. S. Chamber of Commerce
- C. L. Warwick, secretary-treasurer, American Society for Testing Materials
- John W. White, vice-president, Westinghouse Electric International Company
- Carroll L. Wilson, director, Bureau of Foreign & Domestic Commerce
- J. T. Wilson, president, Export Managers Club



Courtesy Inter-Chemical Company

The Munsell system offers visual color charts which have been calibrated by means of the spectrophotometer. Hue, value, and chroma are the three "dimensions" which determine the colors in the Munsell system.

War Standard Coordinates Systems For Specifying and Describing Color

**Spectrophotometer and Munsell system are
recognized as standards for color control**

A NEW color standard which is expected to eliminate much of the existing confusion in matching colors was explained and demonstrated at a conference November 30 under the auspices of the American Standards Association. The conference was attended by the press and by leaders representing a broad cross section of the industries in which color is an important factor.

The objective of the new American War Standard, Specification and Description of Color, is to reduce to a common language the results of years of technical developments in the measurement of color, so that color can be specified in terms that mean the same to the engraver, to the ink, die, and paint maker, the industrial finisher, the chemist, the printer, the paper and textile manufacturer, and to others interested in color.

Provides Color Language

During the last few years an accurate language has been available in terms of the physicist but only a relatively small group working in the field of color measurement was familiar with it. The new standard provides a language by which color may be described by means of three basic elements—either by using the physicist's "dominant wave length," "brightness," and "purity"—or by

using the psychologist's "hue," "value," and "chroma." And the standard makes it possible for us to translate from one system to the other at will.

Spectrophotometer Is Basis

For the new color language, the Standard recognizes the spectrophotometer as the basic instrument for the standardization of color, and the use of material standards (color samples) for the popular identification of color. The spectrophotometer, an instrument of which there are several types, analyzes the color in terms of the percentage of light reflected or transmitted by the color.

Relative to the use of material standards, the new standard states that "The only system of material standards that has been calibrated in terms of the basic specification is represented by the 1929 edition of the Munsell Book of Color, which contains a readily comprehensible system of color samples. The use of this book is recommended wherever applicable to the specification of the color of surfaces. Approximate identification of Munsell hue, value and chroma may be obtained by direct visual comparison with the samples in this Book of Color."

The approved standard thus provides two standards: a fundamental or primary standard, in terms of which any system of color samples can be calibrated; and a secondary or working standard consisting of a series of color samples that have already been calibrated in terms of a fundamental standard, viz, the samples in the 1929 Munsell Book of Color.

Three Numbers Identify Color

Either of these two standards makes it possible to identify a color, or to compare two colors, by telegraph, by sending three numbers.

The fundamental standard has the great advantage that it is reproducible at any time and is in nowise dependent upon the permanence of any physical sample. It can thus be used to determine whether a physical sample changes with time. In fact it would make it possible to reproduce any physical sample accidentally destroyed.

The approval of the 1929 Munsell Book of Color as a part of this American War Standard in nowise prevents the approval, as a part of an American Standard system of color, of any other series of color samples that may in the future be calibrated in terms of the fundamental standard. It merely happens that it is the only system that has, as yet, been so calibrated. In fact the calibration of the widely used series of color cards of the Textile Color Card Association in terms of the fundamental color standard is now being put into operation.

The wide adoption and use of the new color specification standard will put color specification on a more scientific and practical basis. It should help eliminate much of the confusion now present in color specification not only for war products but for peacetime products as well.

Aircraft Colors Difficult to Match

For example, in the aircraft plywood program today a prime contractor may have as many as fifty sub-contractors building wing and tail parts, complete wings, fuselages, etc. Most of these call for camouflage green which is a grayish olive drab, a difficult color to match so that it will be the same under all light.

Color chips used by sub-contractors to arrive at this color may vary widely because of deterioration or because the chips were furnished from the standards of different manufacturers. Thus, when the different parts are assembled, there may be a wide variance in color, thus causing a loss of production time if government specifications are to be met.

This same condition applies in industry generally, where an equipment is built by one manufacturer to be integrated with another manufacturer's equipment. There have been many instances where the equipment would have to be refinished so that the color variance would not be noticeable.

The use of the new standard provides a standard specification for all suppliers to meet, thus assuring that parts are of uniform color when assembled.

Color standardization is important in assuring that the color of different batches of equipment or commodities is uniform. A batch might pass visual inspection yet not be uniform in color under all conditions. The variance might not be apparent until units of the different batches are placed alongside each other.

In filling an order in which the spectrophotometric specification is given, the trained colorist will know at once by the monochromatic data the nature of the color required. The finished material will then be checked on the spectrophotometer to match exactly within the given tolerances of the specification.

Refer to 1929 Munsell Color Book

In applying the new standard to fill an order in which the Munsell notation is given, reference is made by the supplier to the 1929 edition of the Munsell Color Book. He will then match the visual sample indicated. If the specification is given in a Munsell specification not in the 1929 Book, it may be found among the interpolated curves published by the United States Department of Agriculture and in the report of the subcommittee of the Optical Society of America published in the journal of the Society.

In some cases a color name rather than a number is needed to identify a color. This can be



Courtesy General Electric

The spectrophotometer, by means of which color is measured and analyzed in terms of light waves.

Color Standard Interests Army

The new War Standard for Specification and Description of Color is of interest to the Army in the control of the color of uniforms and other equipment for the protection of the soldiers. Lieutenant Colonel Frank M. Steadman told the conference on color November 30. Colonel Steadman is with the Quartermaster Depot in Philadelphia.

He said:

"Our colors are very limited in range, designed to give a maximum of invisibility for the protection of the wearer. One of our difficulties in procurement, however, has been a lack of adequate color specification. We have had to use actual samples of the fabrics for the guidance of the producers of fabrics for uniforms, which means, for instance on one item only, the more than 100 producers from whom we have been receiving shirtings. However, eventually, we are hoping to be able to standardize and control our standards for shade by the methods you have set up, using the spectrophotometer for recording our standard colors after they have been selected by eye. By such a method we can be sure that we are still holding to the absolute standard which we establish."

done by using the ISCC-NBS system which is based on the Munsell system. It gives 300 and more common color names, selected and defined by means of ranges of the Munsell hue, value, and chroma. The plan of this system was developed by the Inter-Society Color Council, an organization centered around 13 national societies interested in color. The details of the system were worked out at the National Bureau of Standards. The names are simple color names like light green, deep red, and dark brown. To each of such names is assigned, not one single color, but a considerable range of color which accords with its accepted meaning.

How American Flag Red Is Determined

The ISCC-NBS name for the standard red of the American flag, for example, would be determined as follows: First, the red in the Munsell color book which corresponds visually to the red in the flag is found. This is Munsell 5 red, 3 value, 14 chroma, written 5R 3/14. The name charts then show that Munsell 5R 3/14 falls within the color range designated *vivid red*. This designation, vivid red, is not exclusive enough for a purchase specification. There are other vivid

reds which differ too much from the red of the flag to be acceptable. But the designation, vivid red, gives a fairly graphic idea of the kind of color it is. Although this system is not precise enough for purchase specifications, and is too precise for ordinary conversation or for use in sales promotion, it is being used for the description of drugs and chemicals, and is being introduced into the standard reference books for pharmacists. It is also being used by the U. S. Department of Agriculture for the description of soils, and by the National Bureau of Standards for certain kinds of building stone. It has been recommended for chemistry textbooks on qualitative analysis; and, in short, is useful "wherever general comprehensibility is desired and precision is not important."

Sponsored by General Electric and Interchemical

The request for approval of the standard for specification and description of color was sponsored jointly by the General Electric Company and the Interchemical Corporation. Both of these companies have devoted a great deal of attention to fundamentals of this standard over a period of years. General Electric pioneered in marketing a commercial model of a recording spectrophotometer invented by Dr. Arthur C. Hardy of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. This instrument measures color in terms of the wave lengths of the spectral colors. The Interchemical Corporation has pioneered in the use of the recording spectrophotometer to establish color standards for inks, pigments, paints, lacquers, enamels, and other protective and decorative finishes. In 1935 Interchemical published "Three Monographs on Color" which presented the results of a study of color.

During the process of approval of the standard by the American Standards Association the following indicated their approval of the standard:

Agfa Ansco	Mail Order Assn. of America
All Color Company	Munsell Color Company
American Assn. of Textile Chemists and Colorists	National Bureau of Standards
American Ceramic Society	Nat. Electrical Mfrs. Assn.
American Society for Testing Materials	Nat. Formulary of the American Pharmaceutical Assn.
Assn. of Am. Railroads (Signal Section)	Office of Production Management
Bausch and Lomb Optical Co.	Optical Society of America
Congoleum-Nairn, Inc.	RCA Manufacturing Company
Corning Glass Works	Alexander Smith & Sons Co.
Dow Chemical Company	Technicolor Motion Picture Corp.
Eastman Kodak Company	U. S. Bureau of Printing and Engraving
Electrical Testing Laboratories	U. S. Department of Agriculture
General Electric Company	U. S. Navy Department
The Glidden Company	U. S. Pharmacopoeial Convention
Illuminating Engineering Society	Westinghouse Electric and Mfg. Co.
Interchemical Corporation	
Inter-Society Color Council	
Limited Price Variety Stores Assn.	

The standard is being used by the National Bureau of Standards and the Department of Agriculture in their regular testing work.

The conference at which the color standard was demonstrated was presided over by R. E. Zimmerman, vice-president of the United States Steel Corporation and president of the American Standards Association. Speakers on the program were Dr. Arthur C. Hardy, Professor of Optics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Dr. Deane B. Judd, National Bureau of Standards; Dr. Loyd Jones of Eastman Kodak Company; Lt. Col. Frank F. Steadman of the Quartermaster

Depot in Philadelphia; A. Wallace Chauncey, vice-president, Interchemical Company; and E. S. Lee, Director of General Engineering Laboratories, General Electric Company.

In connection with the luncheon there was a color exhibit to illustrate how many industrial organizations are now using the standard. A General Electric Recording Spectrophotometer was in operation. The exhibits also showed the application of both spectrophotometry and the Munsell notation. A motion picture was shown which graphically illustrated the fundamentals of color analysis in layman's language.

New OPA Price Policy Makes Grade-Labeling Mandatory

The Office of Price Administration's new dollars-and-cents ceiling prices which are now replacing the "freeze" type of price control will bring mandatory grading and grade-labeling, A. C. Hoffman, director of the food price division, OPA, told the Grocery Manufacturers of America November 20.

"In the case of products for which satisfactory government grades exist, we will use the official specifications and incorporate them into [price] schedules," he said. "Existing schedules for beef, dry beans, potatoes, onions, and turkeys already embody government grades."

"So as to identify the product, prevent upgrading, and make price control enforceable, the grade labels will have to be put on the product or container," Mr. Hoffman declared. "So long

as we use the government grade specifications it will be largely a matter of indifference whether trade terminology for these grades, such as standard, choice, and fancy, or the government terminology, such as A, B, and C, is stamped on the product."

Where government graders are not available to do the grading, Mr. Hoffman explained, the processor will have to do his own grading according to the government grade specifications and stamp his products "at his own peril" in the sense that it will be up to the processor to see that they are properly graded.

"I can assure you that grade labeling and flat pricing are being used solely in the interest of equitable, effective, and enforceable price control, and for no other purpose," Mr. Hoffman declared.

Coonley to Coordinate Standards Work of WPB

A reorganization of the WPB Conservation Division has just been completed to coordinate more closely the work on standards and simplification, specifications, and substitution. In order to carry out such a program Howard Coonley, formerly head of the Simplification Branch, has been named Deputy Director for Conservation. The three branches of the Division dealing with simplification, specifications, and substitution will report directly to Mr. Coonley, while the four salvage branches will continue to report to Paul C. Cabot, Deputy Director for Salvage.

R. B. Shepard, formerly deputy chief of the Simplification Branch, replaces Mr. Coonley as Chief of the Branch. C. L. Warwick heads the Specifications Branch; and Harvey A. Anderson is chief of the Conservation and Substitution Branch.

New Foreign Standards Now in ASA Library

Argentina

- IRAM 501P Definición y designación de los productos siderúrgicos principales
- IRAM 502P Acero laminado en barras, de sección circular, para hormigón armado
- IRAM 506P Ensayo de roblones
- IRAM 512P Acero laminado en barras, de sección circular, para bulones
- IRAM 1013P Aceite de linaza decolorado
- IRAM 1014P Aceite de linaza refinado
- IRAM 1018P Xilol
- IRAM 1510P Método de ensayo de compresión de rocas
- IRAM 2009P Lámparas eléctricas de filamento de tungsteno para usos generales
- IRAM 2010P Símbolos gráficos electrotécnicos para instalaciones de alumbrado, caletación y fuerza motriz
- IRAM 2508P Tubos de acero para calderas: sin costura, laminados en caliente
- IRAM 2514P Tubos de acero para calderas: sin costura, estirados en frío
- IRA 4506P Dibujo técnico: plegado de láminas

Radio Loudspeaker Tests Pave Way for Better Reception

by Alfred N. Goldsmith

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EVERYONE is acquainted with loudspeakers. During the last decades they have changed from a scientific curiosity to a conventional element of daily life. Every radio receiver in the home has its loudspeaker and every motion-picture theatre similarly depends on that interesting device for the reproduction of speech, music, and

the widest variety of sound effects. Literally tens of millions of these speakers are used daily. It is therefore rather astonishing that so many years have elapsed without any clear definition of what constitutes good quality in a loudspeaker, or without even a generally accepted method for the measurement of loudspeaker performance. Therefore the approval of American Standards on Loudspeaker Testing, and on Volume Measurements for Electrical Speech and Program Waves marks a decided accomplishment and step forward.

These standards present unusual and almost revolutionary aspects. Although inherently they deal with physical phenomena, and prescribe suitable laboratory measurement methods and instruments, yet they have a closer association with the physiological and psychological fields than might be expected. Further, they deal with rather intangible entities, namely, the quality of the sound which is to be reproduced by a loudspeaker and the means to be used for controlling sound volume accurately within a desired range.

The preparation of these standards seemed initially to be a relatively simple task. In retrospect, it turns out to have involved grave difficulties and to have required the accumulation of many data obtained through the sources of great industrial laboratories.

No Scientific Terms

In the absence of quantitative standards for loudspeaker testing, vague opinions by their users replaced accurate specifications. Thus, many of us can remember a perennial quarrel between those who preferred what they termed "mellow" quality in speakers and those who were sticklers for "clarity" or "intelligibility". The latter partisans called "mellow" reproduction "boomy" and condemned it. The former partisans designated "clear" reproduction as "shrill" or "harsh." And so it went, with neither group able to convince the other or even to translate its preferred type of loudspeaker performance into a definite specification in scientific terms.

Loudspeakers which had small vibrating cones or short horns were generally of the so-called "clear" type, while those with large cones or long horns were usually of the "mellow" type. The proponents of each type vigorously advo-



Courtesy Western Electric Co.

Vu Indicator

Typical speech input panel using the new American Standard volume level indicators such as may be found in nearly every broadcast station.

cated long horns or short horns respectively, thus importing into a strangely alien field the atmosphere of the cattle range!

When the Sectional Committee on Radio of the American Standards Association attacked the problem of devising dependable testing methods for speakers it was at once found that general agreement was extremely difficult. Different laboratories seemed to use dissimilar methods and to get conflicting results, with satisfaction to none but themselves in each case.

Acoustic Surroundings Determine Performance

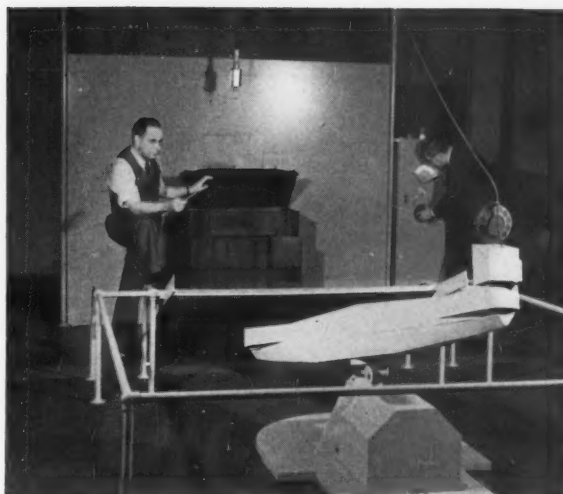
Gradually the crux of the difficulty became clearer. The performance of a loudspeaker—not only psychologically but physically—depends not only on the speaker itself but also on its acoustic surroundings. These surroundings express the acoustic performance of the room or enclosure in which the loudspeaker has been placed. Thus, the performance of a loudspeaker in the “dead” and non-reverberant conditions of open-air use is entirely different from its performance in a large cathedral or, for that matter, in a hard-walled room of small dimensions. Then, too, the performance of the loudspeaker as measured close to it is quite different from that measured at a greater distance, and particularly in “live” rooms. Standing waves of sound in the room complicate the measurements. And the influence of the surroundings on loudspeaker performance becomes increasingly marked as the distance at which the measurements are made is progressively increased. Considering all these factors, it is easy enough to see why authorities in the field had agreed to disagree and why any general acceptance of test conditions and methods proved extraordinarily troublesome.

The fundamental questions about loudspeaker tests were: how should they be made; and under what conditions. After repeated trials, comparison of accumulated data, and the criticism of successive tentative drafts of the standards, general agreement was at last reached.

Impasse Avoided

An interesting happening, now fortunately only historical, may be mentioned. After what seemed to be an acceptable draft of the standards had been prepared, strenuous objections were raised to it on matters of technical principles and engineering detail by the highly skilled men from one of the greatest laboratories in the world. Their comments were both analytic and persuasive. Years of work seemed to have ended in an impasse. The ball was returned to the objectors in the form of a request for proposed substitute and superior test methods. For a time, some of the best minds in the field seemed literally stymied.

Eventually, however, the necessary data and methods were accumulated, studied, revised, and



Courtesy RCA Manufacturing Company

Testing a loud speaker in a household radio receiver. The room in which the test is being made is acoustically treated.

again circulated to the entire field of those properly interested in loudspeaker performance. The reward came in the form of general acceptance; and, for the first time, standards for loudspeaker testing became available.

It is strange that methods of testing an article used and judged by the millions in everyday life should have been so difficult to contrive. But perhaps the effort and time which were required will be compensated for by the usefulness of the new standards. The quantitative measurement and specification of loudspeakers may be expected to lead to further and steady improvement in that field with resulting improvements in the quality of sound reproduction by radio in the home and by motion pictures in the theater, not to mention public address systems, phonographs, and other forms of sound reproducing apparatus.

"Riding the Gain"

Passing to the question of standards for volume measurements for electrical speech and program waves, this presented some aspects resembling the preceding problem of loudspeaker testing as well as other aspects which differed widely. Volume measurements of electrical speech and program waves are more widely carried out than might be expected. In every radio studio, high-grade public-address system, and motion-picture studio, we find a skilled technician “riding the gain”, as it is called. The sound in the studio is picked up by a microphone and then appropriately amplified electrically before it is passed out over a wire or radio circuit to be reproduced or recorded as the case may be. But the amount of amplification must be accurately and painstakingly controlled. If the amplification is too low, the final sound reproduction will be marred either by too soft

The new American Recommended Practices on Loudspeaker Testing (C16.4-1942) and Volume Measurement of Electrical Speech and Program Waves (C16.5-1942) were prepared by an ASA Sectional Committee under the sponsorship of the Institute of Radio Engineers and approved by the American Standards Association. The members of this committee, who represent prominent industrial organizations, as well as professional and engineering groups, are:

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 Harold P. Westman, Institute of Radio Engineers, *Secretary*
 Institute of Radio Engineers, *L. E. Whittemore; Haraden Pratt*
 American Institute of Electrical Engineers, *H. M. Turner; W. C. White; William Wilson*
 American Radio Relay League, *J. J. Lamb*
 Association of American Railroads, *J. L. Niessee*
 Bell Telephone System, *L. Espenschied*
 Electric Light and Power Group, *Gordon Thompson; H. E. Kent, (alt)*
 National Association of Broadcasters, *J. C. McNary*
 National Electrical Manufacturers Association—Radio Division, *W.R.G. Baker; C. J. Burnside; Frank Kunc; C. A. Priest (alt)*
 National Fire Protection Association and Underwriters' Laboratories, *R. B. Shepard*
 Radio Corporation of America, *A. F. Van Dyck*
 Radio Manufacturers Association, Inc., *L. F. Curtis; E. T. Dickey; V. M. Graham*
 Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc., *R. B. Shepard*
 U. S. Department of Commerce, Inter-Dept. Radio Advisory Commission, *J. H. Dellinger*
 U. S. Department of Commerce, National Bureau of Standards, *J. H. Dellinger*
 U. S. Navy Department, Bureau of Ships
 U. S. War Department, *George P. Dixon; William E. Appleton (alt)*
 Member-At-Large, *O. H. Caldwell*

Copies of the standards may be ordered from the American Standards Association at 20 cents each.

sound or by too much accompanying noise (or "ground noise", as it sometimes is termed). If, on the other hand, the amplification is too great, the sound will be reproduced or recorded too

loudly and there may be "saturation" or "over-shooting" with resulting serious distortion of sound quality. The amount of amplification or power gain must therefore be kept within strict limits. Making the corresponding adjustments is "riding the gain".

The control of volume requires some form of indicating instrument, as a general rule. Watching such an instrument, the technician is able to keep the swings of the meter needle within the desired bounds. But until recently there were various sorts of accepted meters for the purpose. Some were sluggish, so to speak, and showed only rather prolonged excesses of amplification, while others were too lively and showed minor or instantaneous errors in monitoring with exaggerated importance. Furthermore, the scales of different volume indicators were not interchangeable, and this confused their operators and made it difficult to translate results obtained with one meter into effects obtained with another.

It must be stressed that in measuring and controlling electrical program waves some psychological elements had to be statistically considered. For example, what sort of a meter scale will most naturally correspond to the impressions obtained by the listener from the sound reproduction which is being monitored? This and a number of similar vexatious questions required careful study in a number of laboratories and studios before general agreement became possible.

Perhaps we shall have appropriate volume indicators and manual or automatic controls associated with them in general use on radio receivers in the home in future years. Thus, reproduced sound volumes may be held within acceptable and standardized limits. Today sound reproduced too softly falls below the level of the ambient noise (such as street noises which leak through open windows or the conversation between relatively uninterested members of the listening group). And sound reproduced too loudly is an invitation to a neighborhood feud.

The new American Standards on loudspeakers and volume indicators are therefore not only technically useful contributions and industrial aids but may also in time contribute to the beauty of sound reproduction in millions of homes and the increasingly judicious use of studio and home acoustic equipment.

Gasoline and Fuel Oil Controlled by Minimum Specifications

Minimum specifications on gasoline, kerosene, and fuel oil to be pooled and shipped into the East Coast area in accordance with OPC Directive 59 have been set by the Office of the Petroleum Coordinator after consultation with the oil industry.

Minimum gasoline specifications call for 80-

octane for premium grade and 72-octane for regular or house brand (80-octane is the minimum standard acceptable to the Army).

The minimum kerosene standard is the U. S. Treasury Procurement Division Specification VV-K-211a. The fuel oil minimum is Commercial Standard CS 12-40.

Cocoanut Grove tragedy calls attention to need for better building regulation



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Building Exits Code Protects Against Loss of Life in Fire

by Robert S. Moulton

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THE Cocoanut Grove Night Club tragedy is clearly due to gross violation of several of the fundamental principles of fire safety which have been demonstrated by years of experience in other fires and which should be well known to everybody. It is too soon as yet to determine the responsibility, to evaluate the part that may have been played by the chaotic condition of Boston's building laws, incompetent enforcement, political influence and careless management, but the main lessons of this fire are clear.

A night club is essentially a place of public assembly in the same life hazard class with a theatre but having greater possibilities of fire. As a result of the Iroquois Theatre fire in Chicago in 1903 when 602 people were burned to death, theatres in the United States are well regulated by fire laws. Automatic sprinklers are required over combustible stage scenery, adequate exits are required, and regular inspections are made in accordance with the law to make sure that exits

are free and unobstructed and that all fire precautions are observed. No such safeguards have been applied to night clubs, which are far more dangerous than theatres. Night clubs commonly are located in old buildings made over for the purpose and practically every known rule of fire safety is violated. The Cocoanut Grove building was certainly no worse than hundreds of other night clubs located in various cities throughout the United States.

The most glaring feature of this tragedy was the lack of proper exits. The Building Exits Code, which is a well recognized standard prepared by a representative committee of national experts,

contains in its provisions on places of public assembly a number of basic requirements which, if observed, would clearly have prevented this tragedy.

Revolving doors have long been considered by the NFPA Committee on Safety to Life and the ASA Sectional Committee as a menace under fire and panic conditions. Even though a revolving door may be of the so-called "collapsible" type, it can readily serve as a death trap. The Building Exits Code prohibits revolving doors as required means of exit in places of public assembly and further specifies that if revolving doors are used there must be a swinging door immediately adjoining or within 20 feet. In our opinion revolving doors should be prohibited in all places of public assembly.

Reports indicate that there were other doors from this building which might have served as exits but which were locked and one important door was hidden by drapes. The Building Exits Code requires that all doors be kept unlocked and unobstructed at all times when a building is occupied, also that in a place of public assembly no draperies shall be permitted in front of exit doors.

The basement lounge where many persons per-

The Building Exits Code is intended to protect persons, not property, against fire hazards by specifying the number, size, and position of exit facilities, as well as construction requirements, needed to empty buildings promptly and safely. Its provisions are based on studies of actual fires in which lives have been lost, and the principles on which it is based have been checked by the Building Exits Committee with studies of actual fire experience. It has been found that the buildings in which the major losses of life by fire have occurred have fallen far short of the standards of the Code.

The Code includes sections on schools, department stores, factories, hospitals and institutions, places of public assembly, and hotels and apartment houses.

A revision, to coordinate various sections and to bring them up-to-date as well as to define specifically the types of buildings which should be provided with emergency lighting to assure continued illumination of all exitways, was approved by the American Standards Association this year. Copies of the Code are available at \$1.00 each.

ished violated the fundamental rule that there shall be two clearly marked exits, so arranged that if one is blocked during a fire the other will furnish a safe path of escape. A clearly marked second exit from this room leading directly to the outside of the building, as provided in the Building Exits Code, would have saved many lives.

Flameproofing Not Effective

The immediate cause of the start of this fire is unimportant and too much blame should not be attached to the boy who was responsible. With a large quantity of highly combustible decorative material, fire might have started from any one of a number of causes. The main factor was the presence of the combustible material in violation of the Building Exits Code which provides: "Paper and cloth decorative material should be kept to a minimum in places of public assembly since such flimsy materials increase the hazard of the kindling and spread of fire." Combustible decorations can be flameproofed but effective flameproofing requires careful treatment and at best no chemical treatment of combustible materials actually makes them fireproof. Some chemicals used for flameproofing may generate noxious smoke when heated and according to reports this may have been an important factor in this fire. The NFPA has published standards on the flameproofing of combustible materials but advises against placing too much reliance on such treatments.

A standard automatic sprinkler system would have prevented this tragedy. A few sprinkler heads, opened by the heat of the fire, would have stopped the blaze in its incipency. In the 50-year records of the National Fire Protection Association, there is no case on record where any major loss of life by fire has occurred in a building equipped with a standard automatic sprinkler system.

Exits Code Is Guide for Legislation

As a result of this fire, there will doubtless be a wave of state and city legislation regulating night clubs. It is indeed high time that these potential death traps are brought into line with the established fire safety requirements that have long been applied to theatres and other places of public assembly. The Building Exits Code, prepared under the sponsorship of the National Fire Protection Association and approved by the American Standards Association, is available as a guide for legislation which will require reasonable fire safeguards involving a minimum of inconvenience and expense to the operators. No legislation, however, will be effective in preventing repetition of such tragedies unless it is competently enforced without interference by political or commercial interests.

New National Building Code Proposes Uniform Regulations for Canada

THE National Building Code of Canada has just been completed and issued under the sponsorship of the National Housing Administration of the Department of Finance and the Codes and Specifications Section of the National Research Council of Canada. The Code is a three-fold document setting down recommended regulations on construction requirements, fire protection, and on health and sanitation. It represents the work of some 60 active committee members chosen for their individual knowledge in specialized fields, and of an advisory committee of professional and trade associations and government agencies throughout the country.

The work was started four years ago, but has been delayed because of the demands made by the war. The several parts were published separately as they were completed in order that the work of the various committees would not be lost if any obstacle, such as difficulties caused by the war, should prevent publication in final form.

Arranged by Subject

In this Code all regulations dealing with a particular subject are collected in a single chapter; all material on exits, for example, is placed in the chapter on "Exits." In the Introduction it is stated that this method of arrangement avoids repetition, makes a code more compact, and leads to a more consistent treatment of the various subjects. To meet possible objections that a type of arrangement by occupancy is more convenient to use, particular attention has been given to indexing to facilitate the use of the code.

If the reader of the Code is interested in a general subject such, for example, as "Exits," it is explained, he will turn to Section 4.6 which contains all regulations relating to exits; but if his interest is in putting up a particular building such as a school, reference to the index will indicate where there are special regulations applicable to schools. The general regulations, such as the structural requirements, will of course also apply.

It is intended that the Code will be suitable for adoption in whole by municipalities desiring to use a building code.

In order that the new Code may not have the effect of impeding the introduction of new and improved methods of construction, a special Article provides in general terms for the introduction of new materials and methods of construction. This will be supplemented, it is explained, by publication from time to time of revisions and additions to the Code.

The Code is in five Parts. Part 1, Administration; Part 2, Definitions; Part 3, Structural Requirements; Part 4, Fire Protection; Part 5, Requirements Bearing on Health and Sanitation.

Appendices List Specifications

A Standard Plumbing By-Law and a list of specifications and other publications referred to in the text, as well as methods of carrying out various tests for building materials, are included as appendices. The list of specifications referred to includes standards of the Canadian Engineering Standards Association, the American Society for Testing Materials, the American Standards Association, the British Standards Institution, the Canadian Government Purchasing Standards Committee, the National Board of Fire Underwriters, the National Fire Protection Association, Underwriters Laboratories, the American Gas Association, the American Society of Heating and Ventilating Engineers, and the National Warm Air Heating and Air Conditioning Association. These appendices are intended to serve as useful information for applying the Code but are not intended as integral parts of it.

In announcing publication of the Code to the American Standards Association, the Officer in Charge of the Codes and Specifications Section of the National Research Council, said, "May I . . . express the appreciation of the departments and committees concerned for the valuable assistance rendered by your organization in the preparatory work leading to the publication of this document."

Copies of the National Building Code can be obtained from the Officer in Charge, Codes and Specifications Section, National Research Council, Ottawa, Canada. The charge is \$1.00 per copy.

Budget Bureau Simplifies Government Questionnaires

An industry advisory committee has been named to work with the Budget Bureau on simplification and elimination of government questionnaires and forms.

After January 1, 1943, a questionnaire that does not bear the Budget Bureau's symbol need not be answered.

Standards for Replacement Parts for Civilian Radio In War Time

by Dr. O. H. Caldwell

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THE radio receiver in nearly every American home has become an indispensable part of the "home front" in the maintenance of civilian morale and the enlightenment of every American citizen on the conduct of the War, both at home and abroad.

The assurance of continued operation of these home radio sets is the object of a project on standardization and simplification of replacement parts for civilian radio, which the American Standards Association has inaugurated at the request of the Office of Price Administration, following consulta-

tion of the latter agency with the Radio and Radar Branch of the War Production Board.

Under War Standards Procedure

The new project is being conducted in accordance with the ASA War Standards Procedure by the ASA War Committee on Replacement Parts for Civilian Radio. The committee's work is entirely distinct from that of the standardization of military radio components in progress in the War Committee on Radio under the chairmanship of S. K. Wolf, of the Radio and Radar Branch, WPB.

However, the War Production Board is in close contact with the project through its liaison representatives and through its WPB Radio Parts Industry Advisory Committee which is furnishing draft specifications and simplified parts lists to the ASA Committee for review and revision.

Following consideration by the ASA Committee, the proposals are circulated to the various set manufacturers, design laboratories, service organizations, and others concerned, for comment. After review of the comments, desirable revisions in the specifications are made after consultation with the appropriate subcommittee of the WPB Radio Parts Industry's Advisory Committee. After final review by the ASA Committee, the standards are officially promulgated.

Basis for WPB and OPA Rulings

It is expected that these standards will serve as a basis for a limitation order and for allotment of materials for manufacture by the War Production Board. At the same time they will give the Office of Price Administration a definite foundation for an order fixing the prices of these standard parts of standard quality.

The final standards will contain performance, dimensional, and construction requirements for a limited but fully adequate line of replacement parts designed to service practically all of the modern home receivers in use today. Tubes are not included in the project.

In the design of these standard parts, every effort will be made to provide units that will be

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Garrard Mountjoy, RCA License Laboratory

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P. R. Butler, *alternate*

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E. A. Graham, Head, Consumer Durable Goods Section, Standards Division, Office of Price Administration

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S. L. Chertok, ASA Staff Engineer, *secretary*

mechanically interchangeable with present parts with a minimum of difficulty. In addition, non-critical or less critical materials, and less of these materials, will be used wherever possible in these parts as compared to their peacetime prototypes.

Through simplification of the number of varied ranges now in use and the use of multi-purpose units when practicable, the actual number of parts will be held to an absolute minimum. This will further serve to reduce the amount of strategic materials kept in inventory by minimizing the stock of parts held by jobbers and service men.

Plants Freed for War Production

The simplified standard line of parts will also make more efficient use of manufacturing facilities, since there will be quantity production on the standard units instead of limited production on a large number of different types of each part as in the past. Facilities thus freed will be devoted to direct production for the Armed Forces.



Courtesy Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc.

This radio, open for testing, shows how numerous are the individual parts that must be kept operating for the duration.

Alternate Provisions Change Standards In Line With War Needs

The American Society for Testing Materials announces that Emergency Alternate Provisions have been adopted to bring the following standards approved by the American Standards Association into line with war requirements. These standards were approved by the ASA with the ASTM as sponsor:

- Welded and Seamless Steel Pipe (B36.1-1942; ASTM A53-42)
- Lap-Welded and Seamless Steel Pipe for High-Temperature Service (B36.3-1942; ASTM A106-42T)
- Electric-Fusion-Welded Steel Pipe (Sizes 30 In. and Over) (B36.4-1942; ASTM A134-42)
- Electric-Resistance-Welded Steel Pipe (B36.5-1942; ASTM A135-42)
- Electric-Fusion-Welded Steel Pipe (Sizes 8 In. to but not including 30 In.) (B36.9-1942; ASTM A139-42)
- Electric-Fusion-Welded Steel Pipe for High-Temperature and High-Pressure Service (B36.11-1942; ASTM A155-42)
- Lap-Welded and Seamless Steel and Lap-Welded Iron Boiler Tubes (B36.12-1942; ASTM A83-42)
- Electric-Resistance-Welded Steel and Open-Hearth Iron Boiler Tubes (B36.13-1942; ASTM A178-40)
- Seamless Steel Boiler Tubes for High-Pressure Service (B36.14-1942; ASTM A192-40)
- Spiral-Welded Steel or Iron Pipe (B36.16-1942; ASTM A211-40)
- Seamless-Alloy-Steel Boiler and Superheater Tubes (B36.17-1942; ASTM A213-42)

Lightweight and Thin-Sectioned Gray-Iron Castings (G27.1-1942; ASTM A190-40)

Carbon and Alloy-Steel Nuts for Bolts for High-Pressure and High-Temperature Service to 1100 F (G38.1-1942; ASTM A194-40)

Axle-Steel Bars for Concrete Reinforcement (G43.1-1942; ASTM A160-39)

Test for Carbon Residue of Petroleum Products (Z11.47-1942; ASTM D524-42)

The emergency provisions have been prepared in order that the purchaser may use them in his specifications to conserve critical and strategic materials.

A complete list of ASTM specifications for which emergency alternate provisions have been prepared is published in the October issue of the *ASTM Bulletin*.

Another standard, Black and Hot-Dipped Zinc-Coated (Galvanized) Welded and Seamless Steel Pipe for Ordinary Uses (G8.7-1941; ASTM A120-40), was also revised by the ASTM this year. The question of approval of the revision is now receiving attention in the ASA committee on Zinc Coating for Iron and Steel, G8. The emergency alternate provisions that apply to this standard have been unchanged by the latest revision.

How to Win on the Home Front

The place of standards in the price control program is one of the subjects discussed in a new consumer education booklet by Helen Dallas, *How to Win on the Home Front*. The booklet is

being published under the sponsorship of the Public Affairs Committee.

Copies can be obtained from the Public Affairs Committee, Inc., 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York.

War Revision of Meter Code

TESTING of electricity meters will be done less frequently during the period of the war, according to a revision to the Code for Electricity Meters, just approved by the American Standards Association.

For more than three decades this Code has been the generally recognized standard of practice in the art of metering electric energy. It has formed a guide for the official regulations promulgated by the public utility commissions of many states, and in some states has been adopted in toto. One of the many practices recommended in the Code is a suggested schedule for the periodic testing and readjustment of watt-hour meters.

The flow of manpower to war industry and to the Army has now left the utility meter departments with sadly depleted staffs of skilled testers. Limitations on gasoline and rubber are further reducing the number of meters per day which a single tester can handle. It therefore seemed to those concerned to be desirable, if technically advisable, to reduce the meter-testing load by increasing the permissible interval between tests of the smaller sizes of meters, particularly those in residences. These constitute the great bulk of the meters in circuit.

The Code itself was originally issued in 1910 by the joint action of the Meter Committees of the National Electric Light Association and the Association of Edison Illuminating Companies and has been revised from time to time. The most recent extensive revision was completed in May 1941 under the sectional committee procedure of the American Standards Association, with the National Bureau of Standards, the Association of Edison Illuminating Companies, and the Edison Electric Institute as joint sponsors.

Manpower Shortage Responsible

As a result of the present shortage of manpower, the Edison Electric Institute and the Association of Edison Illuminating Companies, two of the sponsors, suggested to the American Standards Association that the ASA Sectional Committee on the Code for Electricity Meters (C12) be set up as a War Standards Committee to prepare a revision of the section on periodic testing. The ASA acted on the suggestion and certain vacancies in the membership of the committee were filled in order that the committee could proceed with the work on a War Standard. The question was first referred to a subcommittee consisting of F. E. Davis, Commonwealth and Southern Corporation; P. L. Holland, Public Utilities Commission of Maryland; R. H. Nexsen, Public Service Com-



Courtesy of Consolidated Edison Co. of N. Y.

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*Chairman, ASA War Standards Committee
on Code for Electricity Meters*

mission of New York; L. D. Price, Public Service Electric and Gas Company; A. R. Rutter, Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company; and F. B. Silsbee, National Bureau of Standards, Chairman.

Fortunately, data were obtained by Mr. Price, and from the records of the Department of Public Service, State of Washington, on the performance of several thousands of meters over long periods of time. An examination of these data showed that the drift in calibration of the great majority of these meters had been very slight and that the number drifting fast was about offset by an equal number which became slow.

It was therefore decided (without dissenting vote, in either the subcommittee or the main committee) that the interval between tests of a-c meters of 12 kva and less could be extended to eight years without much danger that an injustice would be done either to the power companies or their customers. This revision was approved November 5, 1942, as American War Standard. The official designation is C12WS-1942.

The revised paragraph on periodic testing has been printed in such form that it can be pasted in the Code itself under the original paragraph which it is intended to replace. Copies are available from the American Standards Association at 10 cents.

¹ National Bureau of Standards, Washington, D. C.

Standards Issued by Associations and Government

(See "ASA Standards Activities", page 322, for new American Standards and progress on ASA projects)

For the information of ASA Members, the American Standards Association gives here a list of the standards received during the past month by the ASA Library for its classified files. With the increasing amount of material being received it has been decided to eliminate from the monthly list a few of those standards which may not be so important to ASA Members, such as Federal Specifications for foods. The list below, therefore,

includes only those standards which the American Standards Association believes will be of greatest interest to Members in connection with their war production.

The standards listed may be consulted by ASA Members at the ASA Library, or copies may be obtained from the organization issuing the standard. Addresses of these organizations are given for your convenience.

Associations and Technical Societies

National Aircraft Standards Committee (Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce of America, 610 Shoreham Building, Washington, D. C.)

- NAS 160 (2 pages) Wheel-Control, Pilot's Military, Aileron September, 1942
- NAS 161 Cap Assembly, Military Control Wheel Hub September, 1942
- NAS 162 Cap, Military Control Wheel Hub September, 1942
- NAS 163 Insignia, Military Control Wheel Hub Cap September, 1942
- NAS 164 Insert, Military Control Wheel Hub Cap September, 1942

National Aircraft Standards Committee (Continued)

- NAS 165 Switch (Gun), Military Control Wheel September, 1942
- NAS 166 Switch (Bomb Release & Radio), Military Control Wheel September, 1942
- NAS 167 Cap, Trigger Switch Cavity, Military Control Wheel September, 1942

National Board of Fire Underwriters (85 John Street, New York, N. Y.)

- Foam Extinguishing Systems NBFU No. 11
- Gas Systems for Welding and Cutting NBFU No. 51

U. S. Government

National Bureau of Standards (Washington, D. C.)

- Glossary of Housing Terms BMS91 September 3, 1942 15¢
- Hardened Copper Letter Circular LC698 (Revision of LC444)
- Luminous and Fluorescent Paints (Replaces LC678) Letter Circular LC703

Commercial Standards

- List of Commercial Standards, Revised to October 1, 1942 (Supersedes LC695) Letter Circular LC705

Simplified Practice Recommendations

- Circulated to Industry
- Dental Hypodermic Needles R108-34

Approved by Industry

- Package Sizes for Agricultural Insecticides and Fungicides R41-40
- Glass Containers for Green Olives and Maraschino Cherries R196-42, R197-42

Reaffirmed

- Steel Reinforcing Spirals R53-32 5¢

In Print (Copies available from Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C.)

- Structural Insulating Board R179-42 5¢

Federal Specifications Executive Committee (U. S. Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.)

Federal Specifications

(Copies available from Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C.)

The date after the title of the specification indicates when it becomes effective.

Monthly Report on Changes in U. S. Army Specifications, Federal Specifications, Commercial Standards, Simplified Practice Recommendations

Aluminum-Alloy: forgings, heat-treated (superseding QQ-A-367a) QQ-A-367b February 1, 1943

Bellows, Hand; foundry (new) LLL-B-211 March 1, 1943

Boots: rubber, short, heavy (Amendment 1) ZZ-B-556a March 1, 1943

Brass; castings (to be brazed) (Amendment 1) QQ-B-601 January 1, 1943

Brass, Commercial; bars, plates, rods, shapes, sheets, and strips (Amendment 2) QQ-B-611a February 1, 1943

Brass, Commercial and Naval; castings (Amendment 2) QQ-B-621 January 1, 1943

Brass, Naval; bars, plates, rods, shapes, sheets, and strips (Amendment 2) QQ-B-636 January 1, 1943

Federal Specifications—(Continued)

Bronze, Aluminum:
bars, plates, rods, shapes, sheets, and strips (Amendment 3) QQ-B-666 January 1, 1943
castings (Amendment 1) QQ-B-671a January 1, 1943
Bronze, Manganese; bars, forgings, plates, rods, and shapes (Amendment 1) QQ-B-721a January 1, 1943
Cellulose; absorbent, surgical (new) L-C-166 March 1, 1943
Clamps; and hand-screws (Amendment 2) GGG-C-406 January 1, 1943
Drier; paint, liquid (superseding TT-D-651) TT-D-651a February 1, 1943
Frames; hack-saw (Amendment 1) GGG-F-671 February 15, 1943
Grease; lubricating, graphite (Amendment 1) VV-G-671a February 1, 1943
Insecticide:
liquid (fly-spray) (new) O-I-541 March 1, 1943
liquid (household) (new) O-I-546 March 1, 1943
Oil; insulating (for transformers, switches, and circuit-breakers) (new) VV-O-401 February 10, 1943
Pins; cotter, split (Amendment 1) FF-P-386 March 1, 1943
Plywood-panels and Veneered Lumber-core Panels (new) NN-P-521 March 1, 1943
Prussian-Blue, dry, paste-in-oil, paste-in-oil (Amendment 3) TT-P-691 February 15, 1943
Pumps, Tire; hand-operated (new) XX-P-746 March 1, 1943
Remover; paint and varnish (organic-solvent-type) (superseding TT-R-251) TT-R-251a February 1, 1943
Sand; (for use in) sheet-asphalt or bituminous-concrete pavements (superseding SS-S-71) SS-S-71a February 1, 1943
Skins; chamois (superseding KK-S-416) KK-S-416a March 1, 1943
Solder; tin-lead (Amendment 1) QQ-S-571a March 1, 1943
Transformers; distribution, single-phase, 60 cycles (100 Kva and below; 15,000 volts and below) (new) W-T-631 March 1, 1943
Vises (superseding GGG-V-436) GGG-V-436a February 15, 1943
Wax, General-Purpose; solvent-type, liquid and paste (for floors, furniture, etc.) (superseding P-W-141) P-W-158 March 1, 1943
White-Lead; basic-carbonate, dry, paste-in-oil, and semi-paste containing volatile thinner (Amendment 4) TT-W-251a February 1, 1943
Wire; phosphor-bronze, spring (Amendment 3) QQ-W-401 February 1, 1943

Emergency Alternate Federal Specifications

(Prepared in collaboration with the War Production Board)
Directory of Emergency Alternate Federal Specifications
(Covers alternate specifications issued from April 29 through November 6, 1942) Prepared by the Con-

sumer Standards Section, Consumer's Counsel Division, Agricultural Marketing Administration, U. S. Department of Agriculture, for the Conservation Division, War Production Board. Brought up-to-date by the Specifications Branch, Conservation Division, WPB.

Limited number of copies available from Conservation Division, WPB.

Binders; loose-leaf, ring-type E-UU-B-346 October 29, 1942
Boxes; wood-cleated-fiberboard (superseding E-NN-B-591, 1/30/42) E-NN-B-591 November 3, 1942
Bronze, Manganese; castings (including manganese-aluminum-bronze) (superseding E-QQ-B-726b, 10/14/42) E-QQ-B-726b November 3, 1942
Brushes; scrubbing, deck (superseding E-H-B-531, 3/6/42) E-H-B-531 November 20, 1942
Coats and Trousers; rubber-coated (foul-weather-clothing) E-BBB-C-606 November 20, 1942
Couplings:
hose, cotton (rubber-lined) and linen (unlined) (superseding E-WW-C-621a, 8/6/42) E-WW-C-621a November 3, 1942
hose, garden and water (superseding E-WW-C-623a, 8/6/42) E-WW-C-623a October 29, 1942
Erasers; rubber and rubber-substitute (superseding E-ZZ-E-661a, 6/10/42) E-ZZ-E-661a November 3, 1942
Gloves; working, cotton, with leather palms (superseding E-JJ-G-451, 7/7/42) E-JJ-G-451 November 13, 1942
Hose; steam E-ZZ-H-541 November 13, 1942
Leather:
case E-KK-L-166a November 3, 1942
lace E-KK-L-201a November 6, 1942
Motor; alternating-current, fractional-horsepower, single-phase and universal E-CC-M-636 November 3, 1942
Packing; asbestos, sheet, compressed (superseding E-HH-P-46, 4/21/42) E-HH-P-46 November 20, 1942
Packing, Fiber; for lubricating and fuel-oil E-HH-P-96a November 20, 1942
Paper; Kraft, wrapping, waterproofed (superseding E-UU-P-271, 11/3/42) E-UU-P-271 November 20, 1942
Pipe and Pipe-Fittings: soil, cast iron (superseding E-WW-P-401, 9/25/42) E-WW-P-401 October 29, 1942
Plaster; adhesive, surgical (superseding E-U-P-401, 1/2/42) E-U-P-401 November 6, 1942
Tubing; aluminum-alloy (AL-17) (aluminum-copper-magnesium-manganese), round, seamless (superseding E-WW-T-786, 10/15/42) E-WW-T-786a November 6, 1942
Wire; steel, zinc-coated (for wire-bound boxes) (superseding E-QQ-W-446, 6/23/42) E-QQ-W-446 November 6, 1942

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Dorothy Houghton Represents AHEA On ASA Standards Council

Miss Dorothy Houghton is now a member of the Standards Council of the American Standards Association representing the American Home Economics Association, succeeding Miss Alice L. Edwards. Miss Edwards will continue her active interest in the work of the ASA, however, as Miss Houghton's alternate on the Council. Miss Ardenia Chapman now represents the AHEA on the ASA Advisory Committee on Ultimate Consumer Goods, succeeding Miss Houghton.

The American Home Economics Association has been an active member of the American Standards Association since it became a Member-Body in 1929. It has taken an active part in many of the ASA technical committees working on standards for consumer goods, and as a member of the Standards Council has had a voice in the final ASA decisions on approval of standards, initiation of projects, and membership of committees.

Standard Tests and Specifications In WPB and OPA Orders

IN many of the War Production Board and Office of Price Administration orders, standards play an important part, either through reference to existing standards or through setting up standards or simplification schedules in the order

itself. Such standards form the basis for control of production, conservation of materials, or for control of prices. The following orders have the effect of setting up standard specifications, tests, grades, or simplification schedules.

War Production Board

Agave Fiber, Agave Products and Certain Other Cordage (General Preference Order M-84, as amended October 31, 1942)—

Limits production of wrapping twine and binder twine, and defines wrapping twine as twine, including lath yarns (ply and yarn goods) as included in National Bureau of Standards Simplified Practice Recommendation R 92-38, and any other twine suitable for the purposes for which the twines described in this Recommendation are used.

Aluminum (Supplementary Order M-1-i as Amended November 20, 1942)—

Defines "low grade aluminum" as containing copper in excess of 4 percent by weight, and either iron or zinc in excess of 1 percent by weight. Allocates aluminum and low-grade aluminum for various uses.

Asphalt and Tarred Roofing Products and Asphalt Shingles (Limitation Order L-228)—

A shortage of materials and facilities used in the manufacture of asphalt and tarred roofing products and asphalt shingles will result unless raw material, transportation facilities, and manpower are conserved through simplification and reduction of types, the Order explains. It provides that after January 1, 1943, only the types, sizes, and forms of asphalt and tarred roofing products or asphalt shingles listed in Exhibit A of the Order may be produced. Exhibit A lists finished weight in pounds, area per roofing square feet, and dry felt weight which represents the minimum weight in pounds per 480 square feet of moisture-free felt.

Canned Foods (Supplementary Order M-86-a as Amended Nov. 23, 1942)—

Lists the grades and can sizes preferred for the use of the government and the percentage of the 1942 pack to be set aside for the government. Also includes specifications for weatherproof solid fiber boxes and wirebound wood boxes. The latter must comply with Federal Specification NN-B-631a, except in certain styles. Minimum thickness of sides, top, bottom, ends and liners and total weight (exclusive of box) is given for veneers or sawed boards for this latter style of box. For the weatherproof solid fiber boxes, the minimum thickness of board, and the minimum bursting strength in pounds is given. Boards must comply with the water-proofing tests specified. Other specifications are also given.

Specifications for nailed wooden boxes provide that boxes for weights not exceeding 75 lb shall be Style 1, Federal Specification NN-B-621a. Boxes for weights exceeding 75 lb shall be Style 5. The thickness of different parts of the box is listed.

Clothing for Men and Boys (General Limitation Order L-224)—

Specifies maximum dimensions for certain sizes of men's and boys' clothing and orders the elimination of details which use extra materials, such as outside patch pockets, cuffs, pleats or tucks, and vests. Typical measurement is 35 inches (including the turn-up) for a pair of men's trousers size 32 inch waist regular with other sizes and variations in normal proportion.

Construction Machinery and Equipment Simplification and Conservation (Limitation Order L-217)

Gives the Director General for Operations authority to establish conservation of materials and simplified practices with respect to types, sizes, forms, specifications, or other qualifications for construction machinery and equipment or parts thereof.

Schedule I, Scrapers—

Prohibits the use of alloy steel, as defined in the Order, for production of scrapers except those on production schedules already approved by the Director General for Operation, and then only until December 15.



Cotton Textiles for Use for Bags (General Preference Order M-107, as Amended November 2, 1942)—

Gives specifications for cotton textiles suitable for bags, and restricts the use of these textiles.

Cotton Textiles for Work Apparel

Hospital Clothing—(Schedule III to General Preference Order M-207)—

Defines "Hospital clothing textiles", and gives sizes of carded sheetings, carded print cloth, carded drills, carded jeans, carded or combed poplins, carded or combed broadcloths, carded colored chambrays — plains and fancies, seersuckers (carded), and frock cloth (carded).

Women's Work Clothing (Schedule IV to General Preference Order M-207)

Defines textiles used for women's work clothing and gives sizes and shrunk weight basis.

Domestic Ice Refrigerators (Supplementary Limitation Order L-7-c)—

Production quotas for domestic ice boxes will be assigned on the basis of applications indicating how much iron, steel, and other critical materials the manufacturer proposes to use in each ice refrigerator. It is expected that the Director General for Operations will assign larger quotas to manufacturers who submit refrigerator specifications requiring the smallest amount of critical materials. Efforts will be made to assign quotas to manufacturers whose plants are located in areas where there are no labor shortages and also where shipment of both raw materials and the finished product will not impose a strain on transportation facilities.

Ice boxes produced under this program will not be of as high quality as in normal times, the WPB announces, but it is expected that the specifications which will be established will provide a serviceable and durable product.

The order provides that all specifications must meet minimum quality standards established by the National Bureau of Standards.

The order also requires that after January 1 only two types of ice refrigerators can be produced: those having a net ice capacity of either 50 pounds or 75 pounds, with a permitted variance of 10 pounds either way. This is expected to permit standardization and interchanging of parts made by different manufacturers.



Electrical Motors and Generators (General Conservation Order L-221)—

This new order puts a stop to the general practice of American industry of "over-motoring," that is, applying greater motor capacity than necessary for the job to be done. As a means of stopping this practice, the order applies certain measurements by which the actual power requirements may be related to the horsepower of the motor applied for by the purchaser.

The order, L-221, prohibits the delivery or acceptance of motors, unless they comply with certain standard specifications and are of the simplest practicable, mechanical, and electrical design. It also requires the purchaser to certify and show reason why he must have a motor of a special type; and it restricts the use of such special types to the conditions and the purposes for which they are required. For example, it limits the use of explosive-proof motors to hazardous locations as defined by the National Electrical Code approved by the American Standards Association.

It is estimated that the conservation and simplification provisions in the order will save in one year about 15,000,000 pounds of copper, 55,000 tons of carbon steel, and 150,000 pounds of stainless steel.

Glycerine Recovery (Conservation Order M-193)

Defines "neutral fats or oils content" and provides that free fatty acids, moisture, insoluble impurities, and unsaponifiables shall be determined by the official methods of the American Oil Chemists Society. "Fair average quality crude glycerine" means soap lye crude glycerine and saponification crude glycerine meeting specifications for glycerol content, ash, and organic residue. These are to be determined by the official methods of the American Oil Chemists Society.

The order also specifies the required per cent of recovery of crude glycerine and the required standard of refining.

Kitchen, Household and Other Miscellaneous Articles (Supplementary Limitation Order L-30-a)

Galvanized Ware and Non-Metal Coated Metal Articles—

Limits number of sizes and gauges of garbage cans and pails, pails and buckets, wash tubs, wash boilers, and funnels, and the amount of materials used for such production. Garbage cans produced in fulfillment of preferred orders are not covered by the restriction, however, provided such cans are constructed in accordance with U.S. Army Specification 29-91 (October 18, 1939), Federal Specification RR-C-81 (as amended May, 1936), Emergency Alternate Federal Specification E-RR-C-81 (April 30, 1941), or Bureau of Ships Specification 42C23 (INT) (June 1, 1942). Buckets produced in fulfillment of preferred orders must be constructed in accordance with Federal Specification RR-B-771a (March 3, 1939) or Emergency Alternate Federal Specification E-RR-B-771a (December 11, 1941). Funnels for preferred orders are to be constructed in accordance with Bureau of Ships Ad Interim Specification 41-F-6 (INT) for Funnels (December 1, 1941), or with Chemical Warfare Service Drawings B-18-41-2 (revised January 27, 1942) or E-18-41-1 (revised November 22, 1941) or subsequent drawings designed for Chemical Warfare Service needs.

Enameled Ware—

Restricts production to a limited list of kitchen utensils, such as coffee boilers, double boilers, dish pans, steatable insets, percolators, sauce pans, and roasters. Each utensil is limited to specified sizes.

Cast Iron Ware—

Limits number of sizes of skillets, griddles, kettles, dutch ovens, and muffin pans, and specifies the sizes which may be continued.

Material Entering Into the Production of Automotive Tire Chains and Chain Parts (Limitation Order L-201)—

Limits production to the sizes specified.

Medical Equipment and Supplies Simplification (General Limitation Order L-214)—

Authorizes the Director General for Operations to issue schedules establishing simplified practices with respect to the types, sizes, forms, specifications, or other qualifications for medical equipment, supplies, instruments, and materials, and other similar products.

Schedule I, Hospital Enameled Ware—

Lists the types of hospital enameled ware which may be produced in the sizes specified in the order.

National Emergency Specifications for Steel Products (Limitation Order L-211)—

This Order gives the Director General for Operations authority to issue schedules establishing standards of sizes, shapes, specifications, or other qualifications of steel products.

National Emergency Specifications for Steel Products— (Continued)

Concrete Reinforcement Steel, Schedule I—

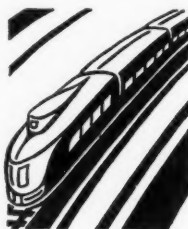
Restricts production of concrete reinforcement bars to the sizes and shapes set forth in Simplified Practice Recommendations R26-42 and R53-32 respectively as issued by the National Bureau of Standards.

Only concrete reinforcement steel manufactured according to the following specifications may be delivered, except to the Federal Government:

- Billet steel bars ASTM A 15-39
- Rail steel bars ASTM A 16-35
- Axle steel bars ASTM A 160-39
- Cold-drawn wire reinforcement ASTM A 82-34
- Bar and rod mats ASTM A 184-37
- Welded wire fabrics ASTM A 185-37

Federal Specification QQ-B-71 must be followed for Government orders.

(An earlier edition of SPR 26-42 and all the ASTM Standards listed above have received ASA approval as American Standards.)



Steel Wheels and Tires, Schedule 2—

Restricts production of steel wheels to the sizes and shapes set forth in the Association of American Railroads Tables 1 and 2 adopted April 29, 1942 and revised September 1, 1942, which form a part of Specification E-M-107-42, and also as listed in ASTM Specification A25-41, as amended by emergency alternate provisions EA-A25a adopted August 24, 1942.

There shall be no production of steel wheels except according to the following specifications:

Transit service:

- Wrought steel wheels ASTM A25-41
- Spun steel wheels ASTM A25-41

Railroad service:

- Multiple wear type AAR-E-M-107-42
- One wear type AAR-E-M-103-42
- Heat-treated multiple wear type AAR-E-M-123-42

Export, industrial, and miscellaneous service:

- Multiple wear type ASTM A57-39 as amended by Emergency Alternate Provision EA-A57, June 22, 1942.

Steel tires for railroad and transit service must also be produced according to certain specifications: AAR-E-M-106-42; ASTM A26-39; and AAR-E-M-124-42.

Barbed Wire, Wire Fence, Poultry Netting and Poultry Flooring (Schedule 3 to Limitation Order L-211)—

Restricts production of barbed wire to two-point barbed wire of 14-gauge strands and 16-gauge barbs, the spacing of the barbs to be not less than 4 inches, to be supplied on 80-rod spools. Styles, specifications, and size of rolls for wire fence, poultry netting, and poultry flooring are given. Copper is not to be used, and zinc coating is not to be applied except in accordance with Federal Specification QQ-W-461, Table IV, Weight A, June 16, 1941.

Office Machinery (General Limitation Order L-54-c, as amended November 11, 1942)—

Gives the Director General for Operations authority to issue schedules establishing simplified practices with respect to the types, sizes, forms, materials, or specifications of office machinery. Provides that electric motors may be incorporated in only 20 per cent of the spirit, gelatin, or stencil types of duplicating machines now being manufactured. No electric motors may be incorporated in adding machines.

Paper, Standardization and Simplification

Book Paper for Use in Commercial Printing (Schedule I to Limitation Order L-120, as amended and revised October 29, 1942)—

Provides a means of classifying book papers according to grades, colors, weights, and sizes. Manufacturers may then select a specified number of grades for production in each of the classifications.

Book Paper for Use in Book Publishing (Schedule II to Limitation Order L-120, as amended and revised October 29, 1942)—

Applies the classification as described above to book papers used for book publishing.

Fine Writing Papers (Schedule III)—

Provides a method of classification as described above for fine writing papers.

Tablet Paper (Schedule IV)—

Provides a method of classification for tablet paper.

Envelope Papers (Schedule V)

Provides a method of classification for envelope papers.

Rubber and Products and Materials of which Rubber Is a Component (Ration Order 1A)

Tires, Tubes, Recapping, and Camelback—

Defines Grades of tires for the purposes of this Ration Order.

Shirts (Exclusive of Work Shirts) and Pajamas (Limitation Order L-169)—

Defines "Preshrunk fabrics" as fabrics which have a residual shrinkage of not more than 2 per cent as determined by test methods for shrinkage given in "Woven Textile Fabrics, Testing and Reporting, Commercial Standard CS59-41" issued by the National Bureau of Standards.

"Unshrunk fabrics" means fabrics which have a residual shrinkage of more than 2 per cent as determined by test methods for shrinkage given in the Commercial Standard.

The order prohibits manufacture of shirts with a bi-swing or box-pleated back; shirts exceeding in length 30 inches for shrunk fabrics and 31½ inches for unshrunk fabrics; and shirts with pleated bosoms. It also prohibits pajamas with cuffs, sashes, or decorations such as pipings and frogs; and limits the styles of pajamas and night shirts.

Wall Paper (General Limitation Order L-177)—

Wall paper shall not be manufactured unless it conforms to the specifications set forth in Schedule 1. Schedule 1 limits the amount as well as the size and weight of wall paper which may be manufactured. It also reduces the number of styles that may be sampled in the 1942-1943 line.

Color for wall paper ground is limited to five colors defined by the Munsell hue designation, and giving the minimum and maximum values permissible.

Office of Price Administration

Apparel (Maximum Price Regulation 273)

Certain Articles of Apparel in which Materials Have Been Replaced—

Defines the term "same garments" as garments which have all of the following common characteristics:

(1) They are of the same specific classification and size as provided by the United States Department of Commerce, Commercial Standard CS 33-32;

(2) They have the same average finished weight for comparable size, within a tolerance of 3 per cent;

(3) They are knitted from the same kinds of yarn (for example, carded, combed, blended, or processed staple fiber yarns) and with the same percentage of fibers (for example, cotton, wool, or other fibers and mixtures thereof);

(4) They have a substantially equal number of courses and needles per inch;

(5) They have construction and trimmings of substantially equal quality and serviceability; and

(6) They are constructed and finished with substantially equal standards of workmanship.

When combed yarn has been replaced by carded yarn in a garment, the garment must be sold with a label attached bearing the symbol "R".

Beef, OPA Standard Primal Cuts (OPA-1208)—

All cuts of beef for the wholesale trade must now be made according to the measurements and guides specified by the Office of Price Administration. All grades now must be inspected and graded under the supervision of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

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Chrome Ores—

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Paper, Paper Products and Raw Materials for Paper and Paper Products (Revised Maximum Price Regulation 130)

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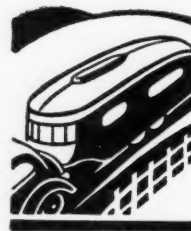
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Redwood Lumber and Millwork—

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Office of Petroleum Coordinator for War

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